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THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention at Pertle Springs was a splendid success. It was numerously attended, and the general verdict of delegates and visitors is that it contained more prominent and representative Democrats of the State than any previous State convention that has been held in many years. Its work was done smoothly and with practical unanimity. It leaves behind it no rankling memories of heated debate or ruthless action.

The platform adopted is in every way admirable. At last Missouri Democrats have put forth a declaration of being in which there is no semblance of a straddle and which is too explicit to be misrepresented or misunderstood. The declaration was not only adopted without opposition in the convention, but there is no doubt whatever that it expresses the views of nine-tenths of the Democrats of Missouri.

THE TRINIDAD OPPORTUNITY.

It is to be hoped that the United States, Great Britain and Brazil will not overlook the advantages for a peaceful and eminently satisfactory settlement of the Trinidad dispute. The fundamental Democratic principle is that the majority shall rule. Yet for a long while the State Committee, which is appointed solely to execute the party's will, has been under the control of a small and unrepresentative minority faction, drawing its inspiration from a petty boss.

THE SCHOOL BOARD SQUABBLE.

The squabble in the School Board over the public school superintendency is discreditable to the Board and threatens to be hurtful to the interests of the schools. If there are good reasons for the dismissal of Supt. Long he should be dismissed. But the reasons should be made public and the dismissal proceedings should be open and above board. If Mr. Long is charged with personal misconduct, or official dereliction, or mismanagement, the charges should be thoroughly investigated and, if sustained, he should be dismissed as a matter of duty and sound public policy.

But the members of the Board who want Mr. Long displaced are not proceeding in this dignified and just manner. They have adopted the methods of a secret cabal conspiracy, for personal or political reasons which will not bear publicity, to displace an enemy in order to put a friend in his place. If there is good cause for the displacement they have not made it known. The movement bears the marks of a factional conspiracy unworthy of such a body as the School Board.

endangering the interests of the schools by a change at this critical period. The Post-Dispatch is not taking either side in the controversy. It is not defending Supt. Long or his administration, nor pretending to determine his fitness or unfitness for his office. But it insists that the School Board shall not sacrifice the interests of the schools by an ill-considered change at the wrong time or by petty, personal, factional squabbles over favorites for places. It insists that the Board act at the proper time from well-founded reasons, decently and in order.

MR. GLADSTONE'S ARMENIAN SPEECH.

Mr. Gladstone has earned the commendation of the civilized world by his clear and forcible utterances on the Armenian question at the Chester meeting yesterday.

The speech of the Grand Old Man was especially valuable because it brought to the attention of the world the situation. One of these is the direct responsibility of the Turkish Government for the Armenian horrors, and the other is the moral obligation of the European powers, particularly Great Britain, to effectually interpose for the protection of the Armenians.

Mr. Gladstone emphasizes the fact that no dependence can be placed on Turkish promises and that in interposing to protect the Armenians Great Britain must be prepared to go to any length, even to coercion, to force from Turkey a radical reform of Armenian administration and guarantees of future good conduct.

This programme practically means the appointment of a Christian Governor under European control and the taking of the entire Armenian administration out of the hands of Turkish officials. In the opinion of all who have intelligently studied the situation this is the only satisfactory conclusion.

Mr. Gladstone's strong speech gives fresh hope that this satisfactory conclusion will be reached. It cannot fail to intensify public opinion and thus have a salutary effect upon the British government.

WITHOUT FREE PASSES.

Unwittingly and unintentionally the railroad rendered a great service to the Democrats of Missouri when they refused to issue passes for the Pertle Springs convention. It was no doubt supposed by them, and their expectation was shared by a large number of outside Democrats, that the refusal of free transportation and the high excursion rate would so reduce the attendance at the convention as to make it a comparative failure.

In spite of the fact that all who attended had to pay their own fare and other expenses, nearly the full complement of delegates from all the counties was present, together with a larger number of visitors than usually attend a State convention.

This lesson should not be lost upon either political party in Missouri. It has been shown that a highly successful convention can be held without free passes or railroad favors of any kind. For the first time in many years a State Convention has assembled in Missouri in which the railroads and the corporations they stand for were without representation and without influence. There should never be another with which the free press bribery can have weight.

The Post-Dispatch earnestly hopes that when the new State Committee calls the State Conventions of next year, it will explicitly announce that no free passes or other favors of any kind will be asked of the railroads in behalf of the delegates. The county conventions also should pronounce against it. Any delegate going to a convention with a free pass in his pocket should be watched by his associates as a man under suspicion.

THE TRIUMPH OF A ST. LOUIS ASPHALT COMPANY.

The triumph of a St. Louis asphalt company in New York over the Barber company will be gratifying to city tax-payers everywhere. The Great West can help the East in many ways.

It will be a long time before we shall again witness the spectacle in Missouri of a Democratic State Committee setting itself up as the master of the party instead of its servant.

Col. Fred Grant will not resign from the New York Police Board. Col. Grant doubtless feels how un-American it would be to give up a good office so long as the salary is paid.

The bosses can now go on their summer vacation. Their self-appointed task of running the Democratic party of Missouri has been ended by a skilful act of political surgery.

The spearing of women and children by the Chinese at Ku-Cheng will occasion more or less regret that the entire Celestial empire did not come into the hands of the Japanese.

Contestants who try to eat thirty quail in thirty days may feel interested in the assertion that an Illinois farmer found 400 chinch bugs in the craw of a quail.

In Kansas City the Sunday shaving law has been declared unconstitutional. Kansas City goes bold and, and this decision will no doubt prove a great relief.

Gratitude for franchises given them has never led the street railroads to street cleaning or to any other acknowledgment of their indebtedness.

When a Western man is selected for the Democratic Presidential nomination it is scarcely likely that David Bennett Hill will do the choosing.

The growth of crops in this very favorable year has been astonishing, and so has been the growth of the Post-Dispatch's circulation.

What have the members of the old Democratic Committee to be indignant about? They had every opportunity to go with the people.

With eighteen Spanish generals in Cuba and the press muzzled, the Spaniards ought to begin to make some headway.

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M'CARTHY'S APPEAL

To Friends of Ireland to Help the Home Rule Cause.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Justin McCarthy, M. P., has addressed the following manifesto to the Irish people here in America:

Fellow Countrymen:—The election of a great Home Rule and anti-home rule majority to the House of Commons makes it my duty to point out to you that the situation in our ranks is ruinous to the national cause, and that the only means by which we can hope to repair the disasters which have befallen us is by the restoration of discipline and a genuine observation of the duty of the nationalist party's policy to act together.

With a united party in a united country, the Home Rule cause would have no ground for despondency in the Irish party. No man can deny that for many years, in the autumn of 1890 the verdict in 1892 in favor of Home Rule would have been absolutely decisive. It is alone prevented by this result. Unhappily this friction has continued since the outbreak in discipline in our own ranks have given the enemies of Ireland another lease of power in Great Britain.

In spite of all discouragements and difficulties the national spirit has once again asserted itself. Ireland voted with unquenchable resolve, but it cannot be doubted that Ireland would have done far better under the leadership of Mr. Healy's action. It is impossible to over-estimate the disastrous effects of Mr. Healy's unfounded charges against his own colleagues at Omagh, made as they were on the authority of leading members of the party, and at a period of the election when there was no possibility of counteracting their effects on the polls.

It is with deep regret that I feel compelled to characterize Mr. Healy's action as a breach of the ordinary code of honor and discipline essential to the existence of every political organization. The Omagh scandal is unhappily only the latest of a series of attacks on the unity and efficiency of the Irish party. Let us endeavor that it shall be the last. I am convinced that it is in the interest of the Irish people that we should on our great national cause and of the integrity of the nationalist party, I feel bound on the eve of the meeting of Parliament to address a respectful word of warning to our fellow countrymen, and to inform my colleagues frankly of the views I hold. I view, which in case I am honored by a re-election, I shall endeavor to put into effect by my duty to my utmost power to enforce.

(Signed) JUSTIN M'CARTHY.

Irish Convention.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—The grand convention of the Irish people in America, which has been projected and agitated for the last two years, has at length taken shape and will be held in Chicago, Sept. 25, and will consist of 1,000 delegates chosen by the Irish patriotic, political and military organizations of the country.

WORK IN SECRET.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Aug. 7.—The Grand Lodge of the United Brethren of Friendship and Sisters of the Mystical Ten is in session here, and will continue four days. W. N. Grant of Booneville is Grand Master. It is an organization of the colored race and dates back to slavery days. Its purpose is to work for the redemption of the negro. In this way many slaves were assisted in making their escape to the free states. The lodge was founded by the order of the United Brethren of Friendship and Sisters of the Mystical Ten, and when the slaves were freed, the lodge was reorganized and benevolent phase added. Thousands of dollars are collected and paid annually for the relief of members and the burial of the deceased. The order has established a "Widows' and Orphans' Home" at Louisville, which is supported by its members. The organization started in Kentucky with only a few members and has over 100 and a membership of 30,000.

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Hand-Sewing Takes Old-Time Precedence.

Fine hand-sewing is now the mark of the elegant costume. The beautiful tacked collar on summer gowns are all hand-made, and many of the tacked and embroidered gowns are entirely done by hand.

Pretty Frook for a Girl.

Alpaca is a charming material for young people's wear. The frock here shown is intended for dull rose-colored alpaca, with a trimming of dark rose-tinted ribbon, over which is laid narrow white and pink lace. This makes a very uncommon trimming.

Treatment of Croup.

Always have hive syrup and pecan in the house if you have little children. The minute you discover croupy symptoms give him a teaspoonful of hive syrup to a child of 5, and less or more, according to the age. Give without diluting, but give a little water afterwards if you like. Cut a piece of flannel as big as your two hands, and a piece of muslin to go on the outside of it. With string on the four corners to fasten around the neck and under the arms to hold it on. Spread over the flannel a copious quantity of vaseline, grate over it a half nutmeg and drop on five drops of turpentine

